



City of Rowlett

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Ordinance: ORD-007-13

4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE I ("IN GENERAL") OF CHAPTER 6 ("ANIMALS") TO AMEND SECTION 6-2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICIOUS DOG"; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rowlett, Texas, hereby finds and determines that the ownership of dogs that have attacked or bitten other domestic animals presents a threat to the health and safety of the citizens of the City, and that existing regulations pertaining to vicious dogs should be clarified to ensure effective enforcement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS:

Section 1: That the Code of Ordinances, City of Rowlett, Texas, be and is hereby amended by amending Section 6-2 of Article I, "In General," of Chapter 6, "Animals," by revising the definition of "Vicious Dog" following the definition of "Veterinarian" and before the definition of "Wild Animals," such that the definition of "Vicious Dog" will read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6. ANIMALS

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

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Sec. 6-2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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"Vicious dog" means any dog that has on at least two separate occasions, without provocation, attacked or bitten any domestic animal; or any dog which the Police Department or Animal Control Division has reason to believe has a dangerous disposition likely to be harmful to domestic animals.

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Section 2: That all ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed and all other ordinances of the City of Rowlett not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: That an offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by the prior law and the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

Section 4: That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision hereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

Section 5: That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, as heretofore amended, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Section 6: That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and Charter in such cases provide.

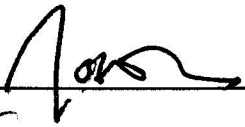
At a meeting of the City Council on May 7, 2013 this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Pankratz and Councilmember Miller

Absent: 1 Councilmember Kilgore

Approved by

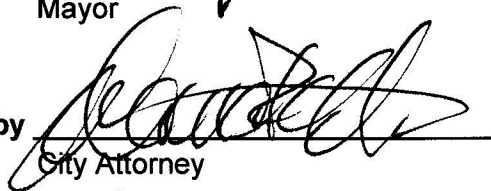
Mayor



Date May 7, 2013

Approved to form by

City Attorney



Date May 7, 2013

Confirmed by

City Secretary



Date May 7, 2013

